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Respectfully submitted,

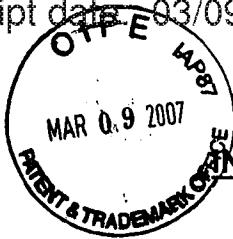
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed June 2, 2006. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- Within three (3) months of the filing date of the national application;
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- After the filing date or date of first Office Action, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, provided that this occurs prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance and provided that this I.D.S. is accompanied by either a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p);
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We are also enclosing copies of the non-US references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of available English abstracts of the aforementioned patents patent applications and articles are enclosed herewith.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application
be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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| | International Search Report dated 4 August 2006 based on the PCT Application No. PCT/EP2006/061726. |
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